

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR NEAR FUTURE

Coming Events in Club World
Include a Varied List
of Plans.

MEETINGS OF PAST WEEK

Hostesses of Past and Future
Meetings in Club
Circles.

Miss Mary Moore, 1742 North Capitol street, was hostess at the Christmas meeting of the Irish History Study Club on Monday evening. Christmas customs in Ireland were graphically described by Miss Mary Cleary in her paper, "Christmas in Ireland." Musical selections were given on the phonograph. The first meeting in the New Year will be held on the 15th of next month at the home of Miss Costigan, 1423 Girard street northwest.

Florence Crittenton Wheel Club.
The Florence Crittenton Wheel Club met with Mrs. Thomas B. Kramer, 634 A street southeast on Thursday afternoon. The work for the Crittenton bazaar having been completed, the members enjoyed a social meeting with no sewing on the program. The meeting closed with refreshments served by the hostess and her daughter, Mrs. William E. Leahy, and Mrs. A. S. Douglas.

Cultus Club.
The meeting of the Cultus Club was held on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. John Mitchell, Jr., 345 Connecticut avenue northwest. After luncheon the roll was called and the seventeen members responded with current events. The papers of the day were: "The Republics of Central America," by Mrs. William R. Myers; "The West Indies," by Mrs. Wilkinson; and "Principal Cities and Industries of Central America." A selected reading followed. The only guest present was Mrs. Argo.

D. A. R.
Independence Bell Chapter held its December meeting at the home of Dr. Helen R. Perkins, 1330 Columbia road. The regent, Mrs. Henry Churchill Cook, presided. After the usual business, Mrs. M. E. Danforth spoke on earlier Washington and its milestones, after which the meeting adjourned for a social hour, and a guessing game in which Miss Grace Diggs and Miss Margaret Eather-Mayer were the winners. The meeting closed with refreshments. The rooms were decorated with flags, flowers, holly and mistletoe, and on the dining table were pine cones and a miniature Christmas tree bearing appropriate souvenirs of the meeting for the members present.

TIMES' QUESTION BOX

Queries Submitted by Readers of
The Times.

Dear Editor: Last Christmas I noticed candles burning in many windows in the northwestern part of the city, and I wondered whether it was an old custom, a new one, or a fraternal symbol. It looked so pretty that I wanted to do the same thing at my home, but did not, for fear I would be using a symbol to which I had no right. Kindly enlighten me.
M. H.

The lighted candle in the window at Christmas is an old custom revived. The candle is simply a reminder of the Star of Bethlehem, which shone on that Christmas night so long ago to tell of the birth of Christ.

Dear Editor: How can I get material for and against woman suffrage?
R. S.

If you will apply to the woman's suffrage headquarters, they will supply you with material, and the suffrage headquarters will also send you what you want. A self-addressed and stamped envelope should be inclosed in your letter to them.

Dear Editor: A party of young people wish to form an orchestra. What instruments should we have for the best result in an orchestra of six pieces?
R. A. D.

For an orchestra of six pieces you should have the piano, the clarinet, the cello, the bass violin if possible, the flute, and the drum, if the music is to be for dancing, otherwise a second violin or the cornet should be substituted for the drum.

Dear Editor: Please tell me what steps to take to become a naturalized American.
A. SUBSCRIBER.

Write to the Commissioner of Naturalization, care of Department of Labor, Washington, D. C. Full instructions will be sent you.

ARMY GETS 3 PAIRS TWINS

All Enlist Same Day; All Join Coast Artillery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The district headquarters recruiting office of the United States Army made a remarkable record one day recently when three pairs of twins were taken into the service.

California can claim none of the twin products. One pair, Charles F. and Henry Rooms, sons of Rochester, N. Y.; John C. and Fred G. Pfeiffer and Joseph R. and Herman W. Bunning are from Oregon. All three pairs by a coincidence selected the Coast Artillery Corps as the branch of service they desired to enlist in, and all three pairs were assigned to the Philippines.

SUES FOR "SWIFT KICK."
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Last September Constable Howard A. Nachtrieb went to the plant of the Wagner-Haeflinger Assting Company to garnish an employee's wages.

THE CHAPERON Answers to Queries on Varied Subjects.

Dear Chaperon—Will you please tell me a safe, effective dye to use just on the sides where my hair is turning gray? My hair is dark brown.
A READER.

A good brown stain which is harmless is made of juice of walnut shells, green or black; 1 ounce alcohol, 8 ounces water, salt 1/2 teaspoonful. Place in a bottle and allow to stand for a week, shaking occasionally. Then strain through a fine cloth. Keep in a cool place. Apply once a week, using the precaution to prevent staining the skin.

POPULAR MEDICINE BY DR. HIRSHBERG

Intelligent Observation of Rules
of Hygiene Will De-
crease Illness.

By DR. LEONARD K. HIRSHBERG.
Among the commonest of the ill that invade the human form are varicose veins, which stubbornly resist ordinary treatment. When they become serious and form ulcers upon the leg, as they often do, a surgical operation is usually the only way to effect a permanent cure.

Varicose veins are commonest in the legs, though not by any means confined to those members.

A strange fact about varicose veins is that the more prominent and tortuous they appear on the surface the simpler the cure; the less noticeable the surface veins the more malignant and resistant their attendant ulcers and the more radical the operation. This is easily understood when you understand the mechanism of the veins of the leg.

The veins carry the blood back to the heart, hence in the veins of the legs the blood is running contrary to gravity. The walls of the veins must support a column of blood whose height is measured by the distance to the heart above. The veins are long chambers separated by the bicuspid valves, which prevent the blood from flowing backward. There is a great network of veins on the surface of the leg, and many large veins deep in the muscles. These are joined by transverse veins perforating the muscles almost horizontally, and through which the blood flows from the surface to the interior veins.

Deeper Veins Worst.
Dr. John B. Murphy defined a varicose vein in the leg as a "valveless vein, or, more properly, a vein whose valves are incompetent."

The veins are weakened by hard work, such as lifting heavy loads for long periods and by standing still for a long time. Longshoremen, freight handlers, street car motormen, doctors, and laborers are more subject to them than policemen, soldiers, and shop attendants.

It will be seen that if the surface veins alone are affected those will stand out prominently in knotted and gelatinous masses. However, the deeper veins are affected the surface will show little sign of them until the ulcers break through the skin. The pain and discomfort is greater, however, when the inner veins are varicose.

Method of Cure.
The weight of the blood drags the veins down when their valves have become incompetent. The veins sag and knot, the blood stagnates in them and ulcers result.

When the values of the veins have broken down and blood flows back and forth through them, instead of draining the superficial vessels into the deeper ones, the more likely to carry the blood from the deeper to the superficial.

There are many ways of operating on varicose veins. In a general way these operations consist in cutting out a piece of the offending vein, long or short, according to circumstances. The ulcers are treated locally by a method devised by Dr. P. G. Skillern, who covers them with a stocking impregnated with a paste of zinc oxide and gelatin. When the ulcers have healed, the patient wears a silk elastic stocking and a wool shinguard. In some instances Dr. Skillern straps the leg with calomel adhesive plaster. He recommends that the surgical operation be deferred until after the ulcers have healed, for with open ulcers the risk of infecting the operating wound is too great.

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'MAIL ORDER' BRIDE FLEES

Crosses Sea to Wed Rancher; Leaves Him After Wedding.

NEVADA CITY, Dec. 27.—Capaul, a rancher near here, was unable to keep the "mail-order" bride, who came to him from faraway Lucerne, Switzerland, even for one day.

In response to his pleadings, Miss Tilda Gerlein came across the ocean and the continent to meet Capaul here. The two were married and departed for Capaul's ranch on Bear river. That evening Mrs. Capaul left her new home, wandering all night in the woods and reaching Colfax next morning.

The bride, who is young and pretty, explained she had been deceived by Capaul, and did not wish to live with him.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY ABOUT US

How Editors Regard the
Achievements and Hobbies
of Women Today.

Most of us hate to look backward except to note events as they may bear relation to the future.

But the woman's vote at the national election is entitled to a little retrospection.

Speaking broadly, there is, or at least on November 7 there was, no "woman's party."

This is gleaned after a retrospect of the entire country.

For example, in Illinois, where there are more than 750,000 women, 59 per cent of the women registered and cast their ballots, but in only four wards out of thirty-five did the women show a preference for a Presidential candidate different from that recorded by their husbands, fathers, and brothers.

—New York Evening Telegram.

To Be Expected.
The Woman Suffrage party of New York, assembled at Albany, sent to Miss Law a telegram congratulating her upon her record-breaking flight and observing that there is no element in which the modern woman does not find herself at home. Miss Law's reply contained the epigram that "Woman's sphere is wherever she chooses to be." Those who are exasperated at the notion of independence among women will find fault with this correspondence, but that was to be expected.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Reasons Why.
Householders who simply know that the price of necessities for the cellar and the table is getting beyond their reach will be astonished to hear that they are themselves to blame, according to some investigators.

Among the excuses given for the high cost of things are these: Easy housewives who ask tradesmen to deliver goods for them. Failure to establish an embargo on exports.

Architectural blunders, architects not providing for storehouses in apartments.

Crop shortage.

Lack of imports.

Scarcity of labor.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Latest Publications Issued by American Houses.

BETH ANNE, REALITY-FOR-TRUTH. By Beth Anne. Philadelphia: Penn Publishing Co.

Beth Anne and her chum Jinny play the role of teachers and protectors for three children who come to live next door. Of course they organize a club—doesn't every girl of ten or twelve belong to one at least?—with the altruistic motto, "Others First."

MISS ANN AND JIMMY. By Alice Turner Curtis. Philadelphia: Penn Publishing Co.

Miss Ann is a kindly, middle-aged spinster whose kindly interest in Jimmy, a boy of the seaside, gave him the right start in life.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY. By Herman Hille Hirschman. Boston: Hirschman, French & Co.

Each election year sees its crop of political novels, full of sterling virtue and corrupting influences. The book is typical of its class. However, strange to say, the forces of bribery win in the end.

HITCH IN A. B. C. TREATY

Obstacles Met in Ratification of Pact With Chile and Brazil.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—Although Foreign Minister Bicu, of Argentina, has spoken somewhat slightly of the "A-B-C" treaty, the Argentine administration is trying not to get Congress to ratify the compact.

The fact that the agreement never had been ratified in this country came as a big surprise to the over-riding majority of Argentines recently. A few men in important positions knew it had never received congressional approval, but the popular idea was that it was an accomplished fact.

The public was undecidably recently while negotiations were pending for a meeting of the "A-B-C" diplomatic representatives at Rio de Janeiro to discuss matters of Argentine-Brazilian-Chilean mutual interest. After arrangements for the gathering had practically been completed, Foreign Minister Bicu called attention to the fact that it would have to be postponed until the treaty had been ratified.

Although there will be a strong effort to secure ratification, the step is also sure to be vigorously fought by an Argentine element, at least, which contends that Brazil and Chile really are unfriendly to their country, and are only trying to get into a combination which will discourage the preparedness program they maintain she ought to pursue.

COMING SOON TO LOCAL THEATERS

Attractions to Be Seen at Play-
houses in the Near
Future.

Beginning with Monday matinee, Winchell Smith's famous comedy, "Turn to the Right," will come to the New National for New Year week. Winchell Smith is remembered as the author of "Brewster's Millions," "Oficer 666," "The Fortune Hunter," "The Boomerang," and other successes.

The original company is still playing in New York, but another company will play Washington and Baltimore en route for Chicago, where it is booked for the rest of the season. In this company are Mabel Bert, Jennie Glendinning, Ralph Morgan, Helen Collier, Philip Bishop, James Totten, William Foran, Robert Taber, Charles Goodrich, James Huntley, Dorothy Betts, and others.

Belasco.
The extreme popularity of "A Daughter of the Gods," the attraction at the Belasco Theater, has resulted in its continuing for a second week's engagement. One feature of its drawing power is found in the full symphony orchestra which interprets the musical score of the picture at both the afternoon and the evening performance.

The topography of Jamaica has undergone startling changes in the course of producing this scenic masterpiece. The old metaphor of moving mountains became a literal fact for the benefit of an army of lance bearers who found it necessary to commandeer a level plain for their maneuvers; and waterfalls appearing where no waterfall ever grew before, but where one was wanted by the reigning gnomes of that region.

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Pol's Stock.
"Which One Shall I Marry?" is the problem to be solved in Ralph Thomas Kettering's romantic play to be the attraction at Pol's next week. In which the heroine, a stenographer, is loved both by her wealthy employer, John Bland, and by his poor foreman, Jack Hart. She is urged by her mother to marry for money, and by her father to marry for love.

Miss Marguerite Henry is seen as Agnes, the young girl in a quandary. Answorth Arnold appears as the poor man, and the remainder of the cast includes Dottie Day, Lotta Emmons, Edgar Murray, Tommy Shear-

er, Charles Richards and several others.

Keith's.
Olive Wyndham will be the New Year star at the B. F. Keith Theater next week. There will be three performances on New Year Day, on other days only the usual two-day. Miss Wyndham is supported by Albert Perry and a metropolitan company in "The Sweetest Game," from Ruth Comfort Mitchell's "The Night Court."

Mildred Macomber, premiere danseuse, with Willard Scott and the Suss sisters, heading over a score of others, will offer "Holiday's Dream," Hans Wilson and the McNallys appear in "Making Good."

Others are Johnny Dooley and Yvonne Rugel, Harry and Eva Puck, Will Morrisey, Mme. du Florigny, Herbert's Loop-the-Loop dogs, the pipe organ recitals, and international news pictorial.

Gaiety Burlesque.
A program embracing a variety of amusing attractions will be presented at the Gaiety Theater next week, under the trade-mark of "Watson and Wrothe's All New Show." Ed Lee Wrothe and "Sliding Billy" Watson are to appear in distinct feature acts, the first presenting Watson as "Loudwig, the Clock Maker," in a sanatorium scene, while in the second a review of successful plays of the present day is given by Wrothe.

The company includes, besides Watson and Wrothe, Owen Martin, Mabel Martin, Estelle Colbert, Helen Patsy Delaney, Fred De Silva, Max Fehrmann, Gus Roeder, Herman Gibson and others.

Strand.
Many unusually fine photoplays are included in the program arranged for New Year week at the Strand Theater, the chief attraction from Sunday to Tuesday, inclusive, will be Dorothy Dalton and William Desmond in "A Gamble in Souls." Two men and a woman are shipwrecked and are finally washed ashore upon a barren island in the Southern Pacific. Both men love the woman, who finds it hard to choose between them. The secondary attractions will include a Mutt and Jeff animated cartoon comedy and the Strand Topical Review.

On Wednesday and Thursday Charles Ray will make his appearance as a full-fledged star in "The Honorable Algy."

It tells a clever story of an Englishman who is making his first tour of the United States and his many adventures.

The added attraction will bring to screen Ralph Herz, in "A Matinee Idol."

On Friday and Saturday Howard Hickman and Clara Williams, late of "Civilization," will be featured in "The Criminal." It tells the story of a man with criminal tendencies who is redeemed by the love of a good woman. The program in addition will include "Safety First Ambrose," featuring Mack Swain.

Garden.
Clara Kimball Young will be screened at Moore's Garden Theater the entire New Year week, beginning Sunday, in "The Foolish Virgin."

Thomas Dixon, the author of the novel, refused all offers for the camera rights to his brain child until

along came Lewis J. Selznick with a proposition to create from it a stage vehicle for Miss Young. That life is built upon realities, not romance; this is the theme of "The Foolish Virgin." The story deals with a young girl whose ideas of life are founded on the romantic works which she is so fond of reading. She is deceived into marrying a man with criminal tendencies, who, possessed a lust for money, becomes a burglar. The girl is horrified when she learns the true character of the man. Then the real woman within her asserts itself. Her efforts to redeem the man she loves lead to many dramatic situations. The supporting cast includes Conway Tearle, Catherine Proctor, Paul Capellan, Sheridan Tansey, Marie Lines, Edward Elias, Agnes Mapes, and William Walsh. Supplementary attractions during the week will include "Jerry on a Cannibal Island," animated cartoon comedy by Hoban, a travogue embracing a tour through the West Indies, and the regular Garden Topical Digest.

Lee's Columbia.
Pauline Frederick is the pictured star in "The Slave Market," which is the feature, photoplay at Lee's Columbia Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Pauline Frederick sold as a slave! No—not another exposé of the "vice trust"—just a rattling good old-fashioned pirate story full of thrills and romance, in which Miss Frederick appears in the role of a Spanish beauty.

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GETS \$130,000 FROM \$80
Kansas Receives Fortune for Oil
Lease Bought for Song.

MANHATTAN, Kan., Dec. 27.—El Dorado is the most lively town in Kansas, says E. E. Fitzpatrick, who spent a day recently at the Butler county oil town.

"A Mr. Gray, of El Dorado, bought a forty-acre lease months ago for \$80," said Mr. Fitzpatrick. "He sold one-half interest in it a few weeks ago to a syndicate for \$65,000. Then he sold the other half interest for \$65,000. That made him \$130,000 for an \$80 investment. The land is three miles west of town."

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